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SUBJECT: GOES REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF ELIZABETH
VILLALTA VIZCARRA TO OAS INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 2.

[1](#)2. (U) Post received a diplomatic note from the GOES dated August 27 soliciting our support for the candidacy of jurist Ana Elizabeth Villalta Vizcarra to the Inter-American Juridical Committee of the OAS, whose election will take place in June 2009. Post has provided a copy of the note to WHA/CEN. Villalta is the legal advisor to both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Salvadoran Supreme Court. The GOES offers an exchange of support for Mr. Bruce Presgrave, who has been nominated by the U.S. for the Presidency of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History. Post requests instructions for a response to the MFA once Department has made a decision regarding the Salvadoran proposal.

[1](#)3. (U) Informal translation of the Salvadoran note follows:

(Complimentary opening)

...the Government of El Salvador has presented the candidacy for reelection of jurist Ana Elizabeth Villalta Vizcarra to the Inter-American Juridical Committee, whose election will take place during the 39th Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), in June 2009, in Honduras.

The candidacy of Ms. Villalta Vizcarra is due to the interest of the Government of El Salvador to continue contributing to the stimulation of progressive development and the code of the International Law, as well as the study of the problems and legal issues of the new inter-American agenda that this advisory committee promotes. Along with this communication, a copy of the Curriculum Vitae of Ms. Villalta is attached.

Regarding this, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR is pleased to propose to the Honorable Government of the United States of America an exchange of support for the above mentioned candidacy and the candidacy of Mr. Bruce Presgrave, who has been nominated for the Presidency of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, and whose election will take place by the end of the year 2009.

(Complimentary closing)

End text.
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